III. REMARKS

Claims 22-28, 30-42 and 56-63 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1-21, 29 and 43-55 have been canceled. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) because the Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance as discussed below; (b) does not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration; and (c) places the application in better form for appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Roe *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,989,236), hereafter "Roe." Claims 4-11, 14-21, 29 and 43-55 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roe. Claims 22-28, 30-42 and 56-63 have been indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants gratefully appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter.

The Office has rejected claims 1-21, 29 and 43-55 and has allowed claims 22-28, 30-42 and 56-63. In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1-21, 29 and 43-55. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the subject matter of all remaining claims is allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.

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III. CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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